

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. Ladies and gentlemen, if I may have your attention for a moment, we have some very distinguished guests over under the north balcony. They are guests of the Executive Board and Senator Smith of the Intergovernmental Committee. First we have Senator Hugh Farley, the National Chairman of the Council of State Governments from New York. Mr. Farley. Next we have Senator Mary McClure, Vice Chair of the Council from South Dakota. Senator McClure. And we have Carl Stenberg, Executive Director of the Council of State Governments. Mr. Stenberg. And, of course, Virginia Thrall, Director of the Midwestern Office in Chicago. Good to see you, Virginia. Thank you for being our guests today, ladies and gentlemen. We appreciate your coming here. Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, if I could ask Senator Warner some questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Those categories, those are the ones spelled out by the (inaudible) or are those the categories that are going to be developed by...or is that in the bill...I guess...I signed the bill...

SENATOR WARNER: Well, the categories, if you recall the appropriation bill that is also going across, it is appropriated by categories and we had energy education, and there was local conservation financing, agriculture, technical assistance, efficiency studies. The categories might change in the future as to what specific categories might be proposed to us, but the projects within each category would be identified for the Legislature prior to making the appropriation unless they were below this 50,000 and that is primarily to get away from every structure, like for weatherization.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. I guess I have more questions about the categories and so forth, but what you're saying is that these are the categories now and they may change or shift a little bit, (inaudible) and so forth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I apologize that I was not here when Senator Warner first began his explanation and